

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

Information Disclosure Statement

The references cited in the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 9/9/2011 was filed after the mailing date of the Appeal brief and following Board decision on 8/22/2011. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Reasons of allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons of allowance :

Please refer to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences Decision of 8/22/2011

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTI CHAWLA whose telephone number is (571)272-8212. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lawrence Tarazano can be reached on (571) 272-1515. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/JYOTI CHAWLA/

Examiner

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